THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is one of the agencies entrusted with the implementation of the Adult Education Programme in the country. It was sanctioned 200 projects comprising 16,000 Adult Education Centres in 1988. The projects were implemented by the Sangathan in phases between October, 1988 and July 1989. All these projects completed their cycle between October, 1989 and February, 1990. The Sangathan was entrusted 300 Adult Education Centres Project each in Medak and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh in 1989 which is to complete its cycle by August, 1990. All the projects have been implemented in accordance with the National Literacy Mission norms. There has been some delay in the finalisation of accounts by the Sangathan as this involved collection and compilation of the data from the grass-root level throughout the country. The Sangathan has since submitted the unaudited statement of account.

The proposal for new projects through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is under the consideration of this Ministry. In this Connection, the Sangathan has been advised to submit the area-specific and time-specific proposals in conformity with the approved strategy of complete eradication of illiteracy from the project area.

Voluntarism and mass mobilisation are two cordinal principles of the National Literacy Mission. Provision of employment to functionaries is not its objective; it is only incidental. Employment of persons in the programme who were earlier associated with it would depend upon their commitment, past performance, the location of the adult education centres and the need for continuance of such Adult Education Centres in a particular area.

Non-Supply of GPF Annual statement to the teachers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi

1439. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual statements of GPF subscriptions made by the teachers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are never supplied to them in the year following the year to which the subscriptions relate and these are delayed by two to three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the persons responsible for dereliction of duty in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Corporation to ensure timely delivery of correct annual statements of GPF subscriptions to teachers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that timely availability of statements would remove discontentment among the teachers without any financial burden to the Corporation;

(e) whether there is a proposal to entrust responsibility to one senior officer of the Corporation so as to ensure timely preparation and delivery of the GPF statements in future; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Degraded waste land

1440. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 130 million hectares of degraded wasteland are lying without any use;

(b) whether it is a fact that enough financial resources are not there to develop these lands;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to involve the corporate industrial sector to develop these degraded forest lands; and

(d) whether action has been initiated to constitute an afforestation fund for this purpose, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) It is estimated that about 129.5 million hectares of wastelands exist in the country.

(b) The State and Central Plan outlays enable only a small portion of the wastelands to be tackled each year.

(c) and (d) With a view to encourage individuals and corporate/non-corporate bodies to participate through contributions or donations in programmes for regeneration of degraded areas/wastelands, Government have set up the National Fund for Afforestation and Wastelands Development. Details of the Fund are given in the Government Resolution of 17th July, 1990, a copy of which is given at statement below.

Statement

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Government of India

Ministry of Environment and Forests

New Delhi, 17th July, 1990.

RESOLUTION

The rapid expansion of wastelands is seriously undermining the productive resource base and endangering vital life support systems of the nation. The Government has therefore accorded high priority to programmes for regeneration of degraded areas/wastelands. With a view to encourage individuals and corporate/non-corporate bodies to participate in this national effort through contributions or donations, it is considered necessary to have a fund for afforestation. Hence, the National Fund for Afforestation and Wastelands Development is hereby set up.

2. The above-mentioned Fund will be managed by a Committee composed as follows:—

(a) Minister incharge of the Ministry of Envionment & Forests	Chairman
(b) Minister of State in the Ministry Environment and Forests	Vice-Chairman
(c) Secretary, ministry of Environment & Forests	Member
(d) Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance	Member
(e) Secretary (Rural Development) Ministry of Agriculture	Member
(f) Two Representatives of Voluntary Agencies involved in Afforestation and Wastelands Development	Member
(g) Additional Secretary, National Wastelands Development Board, Ministry of Environment & Forests	Member-Secretary

3. The Committee will lay down rules for the conduct of its business and issue guidelines for the administration of the Fund.

4. The Fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(Mahesh Prasad)
Secretary
(Environment & Forests)

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all Ministries/Departments of India and all State Governments/Union Territories.

Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

(Mahesh Prasad)
Secretary
(Environment & Forests)

Proposal to educate children in their Mother Tongue

1441. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide education to the children belonging to Scheduled Tribes in their mother tongue;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such facilities would be provided to the Scheduled Tribe students;

(c) the classes up to which students would be tought to student in their mother tongue;

(d) the States where steps had been taken in that direction; and

(e) whether this facility has been made available to the Scheduled Tribe children in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The socio-cultural milieu of the Scheduled Tribes has its distinctive characteristics including, in many cases, their own spoken languages. The Government is aware of the need to develop curricula and devise instructional materials in tribal languages atleast at the initial stages, with arrangements for switching over to the regional language thereafter. Towards this end, certain progress has already been made. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has been working on 75 tribal languages for teaching purposes in about 21 States/Union Territories. This includes Saora, Gutob, Bhumij; Ho; Koya and Kuvi; spoken in Orissa.

The present policy of Government is that the mother tongue should be the medium of instruction at the primary stage. The Central Institute of Indian Language has developed a Bi-lingual Education Model under which primers in Tribal Languages and bridge materials to transfer them to the State Language are prepared. The details of primers prepared in the last three years from 1987-88, training and other activities undertaking by the Institute in this area are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Bihar .	Carnicobarese primer level III Kurukh Mundari Santali, Kharia, primer level I.
Dadar & Nagar —Haveli . . .	Varli, primer level III and first draft of school dictionary.
Karnataka	Finalisation of primer level II preparation of primer level III.